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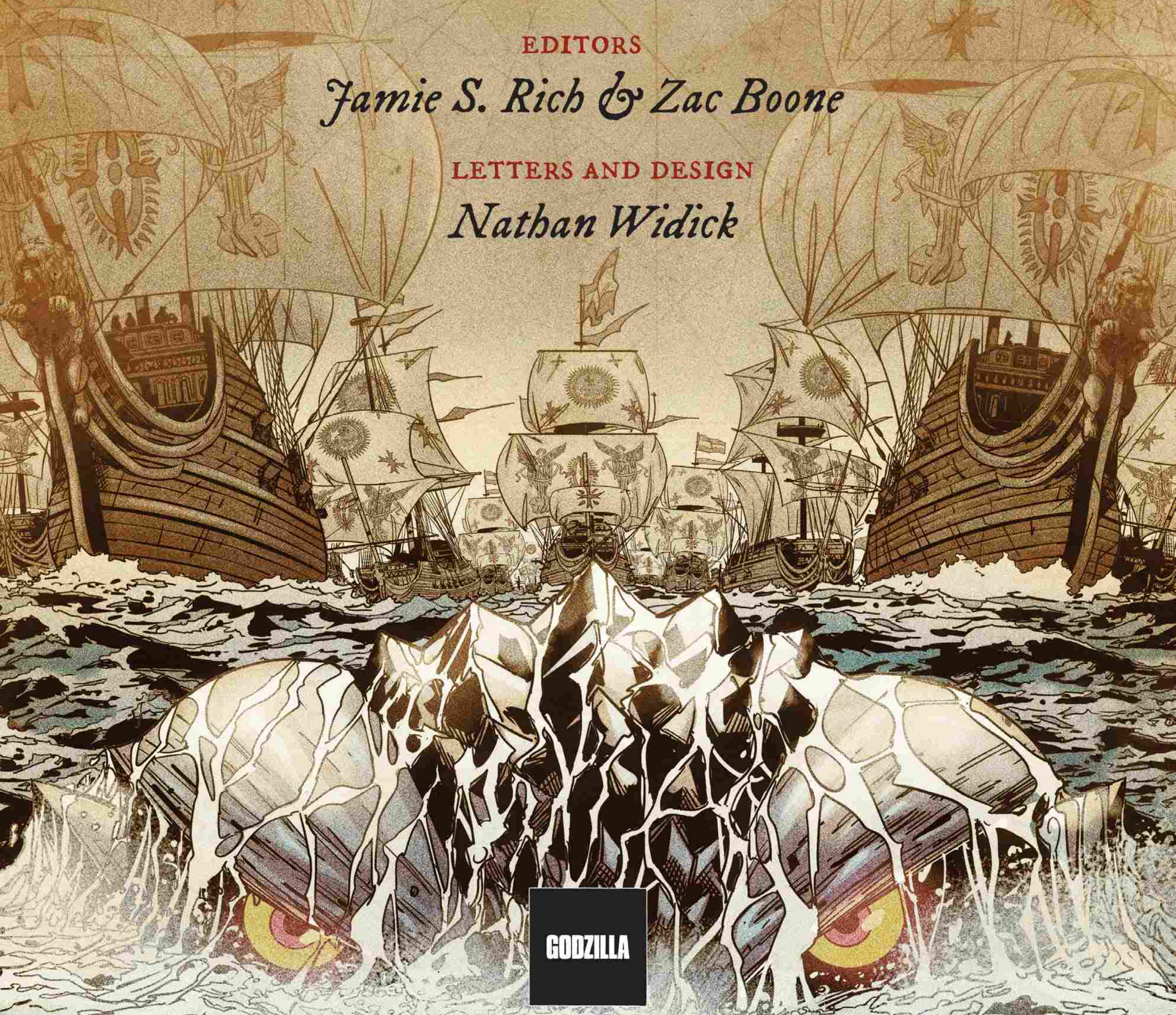
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RUM.



WE
HAVE
TEA. OR
WATER.



SHOVE
YER TEA OR
WATER UP YER
TIGHT, BRITISH
ASSES... I BE
WANTIN'
RUM.



MR. HULL,
CONSIDERING
THE CHARGES
AGAINST
YOU...

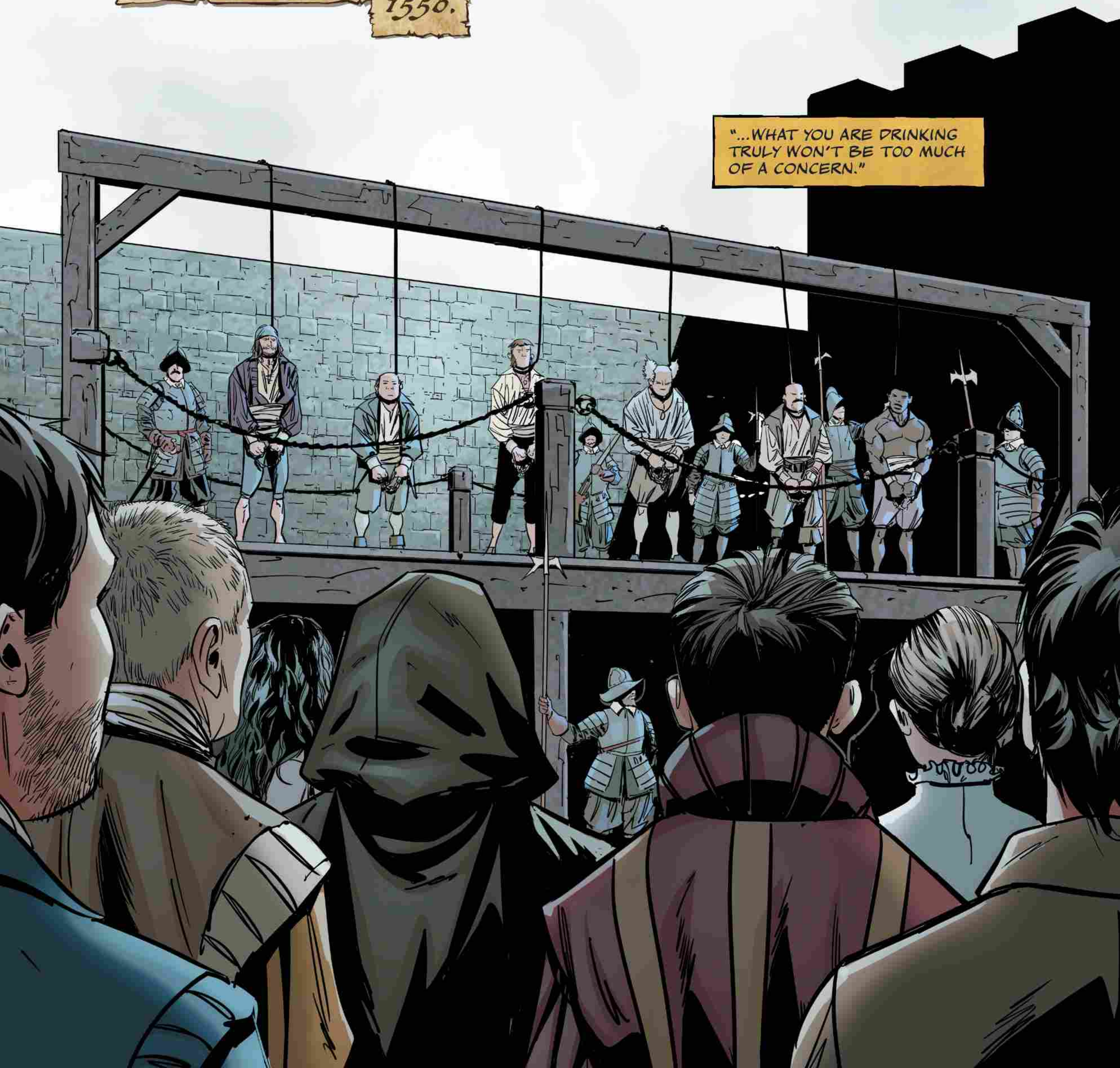
...PIRACY, PUBLIC
DRUNKENNESS,
ATTACKING AND
CAUSING A SHIPWRECK,
PLUNDERING, STEALING
AND DESTROYING
A VESSEL IN
DISTRESS...

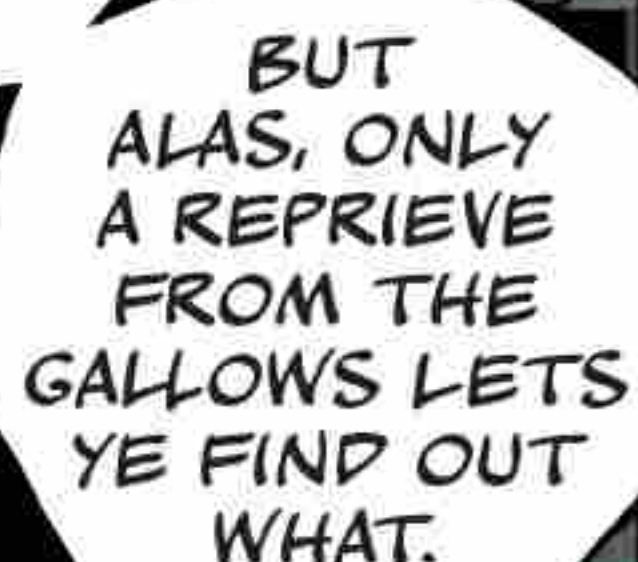
...COMMITTING
ROBBERY OF
AN ORPHANAGE,
AND GENERAL
INDECENCY...

...INCLUDING
AN INCIDENT AT
OUR LADY OF THE
BLESSED MIRACLE
I'M TOO MUCH OF
A GENTLEMAN
TO DISCUSS...



*British Territory,
The Caribbean.*
1556.







...TO MISS
OUT ON
THE TALE I
BE HAVIN'
TO TELL.

A TALE OF
NONE OTHER
THAN SIR FRANCIS
DRAKE, A LOST
TREASURE, A FIRE-
BREATHIN'
DRAGON...



...AND
HER ROYAL
HIGHNESS
HERSELF.



YOU DARE?

YOU DARE INVOKE THE QUEEN'S NAME, YOU SCURVY PIECE OF FILTH? HAVE YOU TRULY NO HONOR WHATSOEVER?

THE HELL WITH THE GALLOWS! THIS VERMIN DIES RIGHT HERE AND NOW.



WAIT...

...STAY YOUR HAND, BOGGS. THE GALLOWS AREN'T GOING ANYWHERE.

LET'S SEE WHERE THIS GOES.



AND... KAF...

...THE RUM?



BOGGS... FETCH THE MAN SOME RUM.

BUT, SIR--

YOU HEARD ME. AND YOU, PIRATE...

...THIS HAD BETTER BE WORTH IT.

'TIS A SAVVY DECISION YE'VE MADE, CAPTAIN.

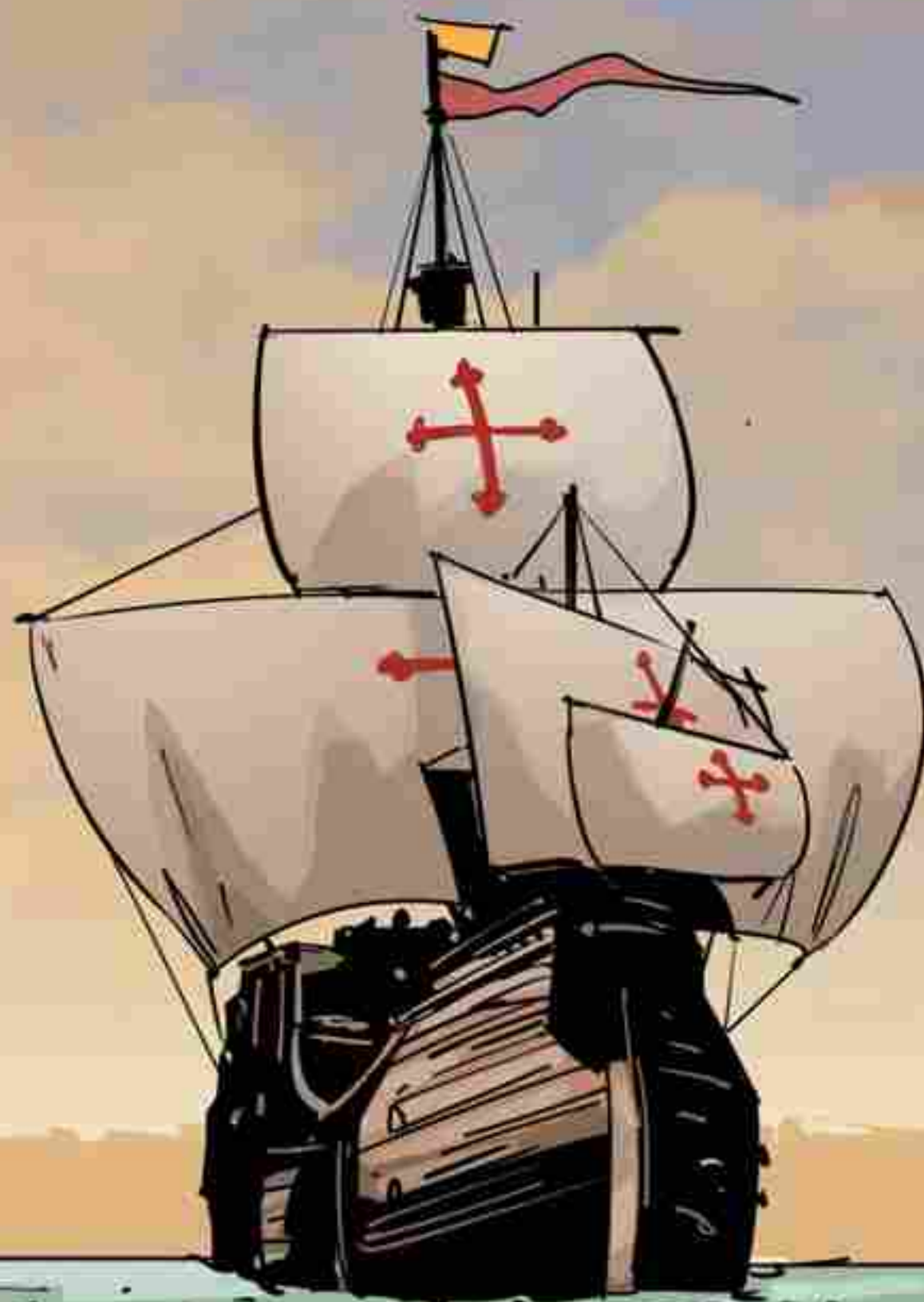
BUT IF I BE TRULY DOIN' THIS DITTY JUSTICE...



...I MUST START AT THE BEGINNIN'.



"THE YEAR 1357.
FROM LISBOA DID THE
SAO VICENTE SET SAIL.



"BOUND FOR AVIGNON,
FRANCE, IT WAS.

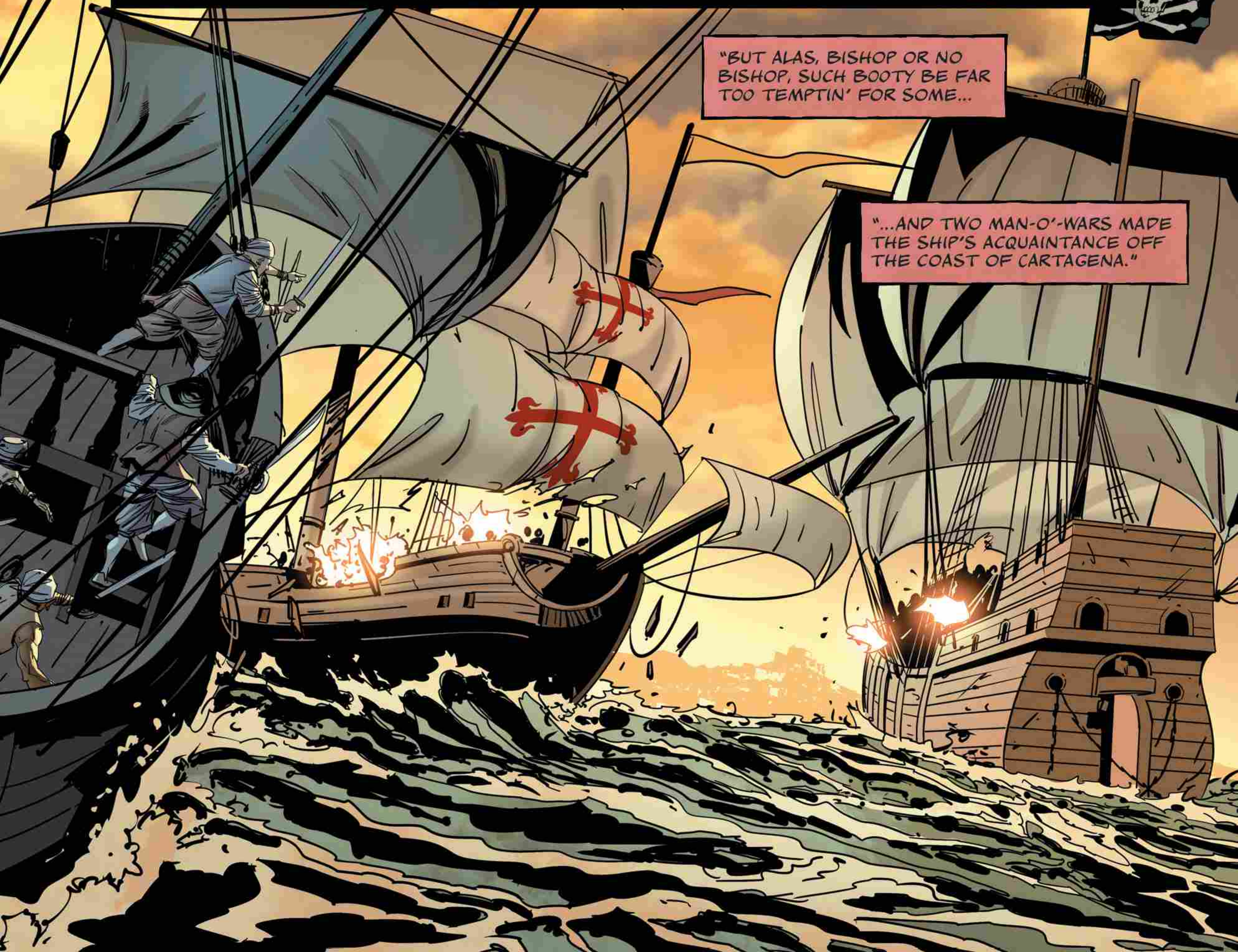
"ITS HULL BE OVERFLOWIN' WITH
TREASURE ANY PIRATE WORTH HIS
SALT WOULD BE SALIVATIN' FOR!

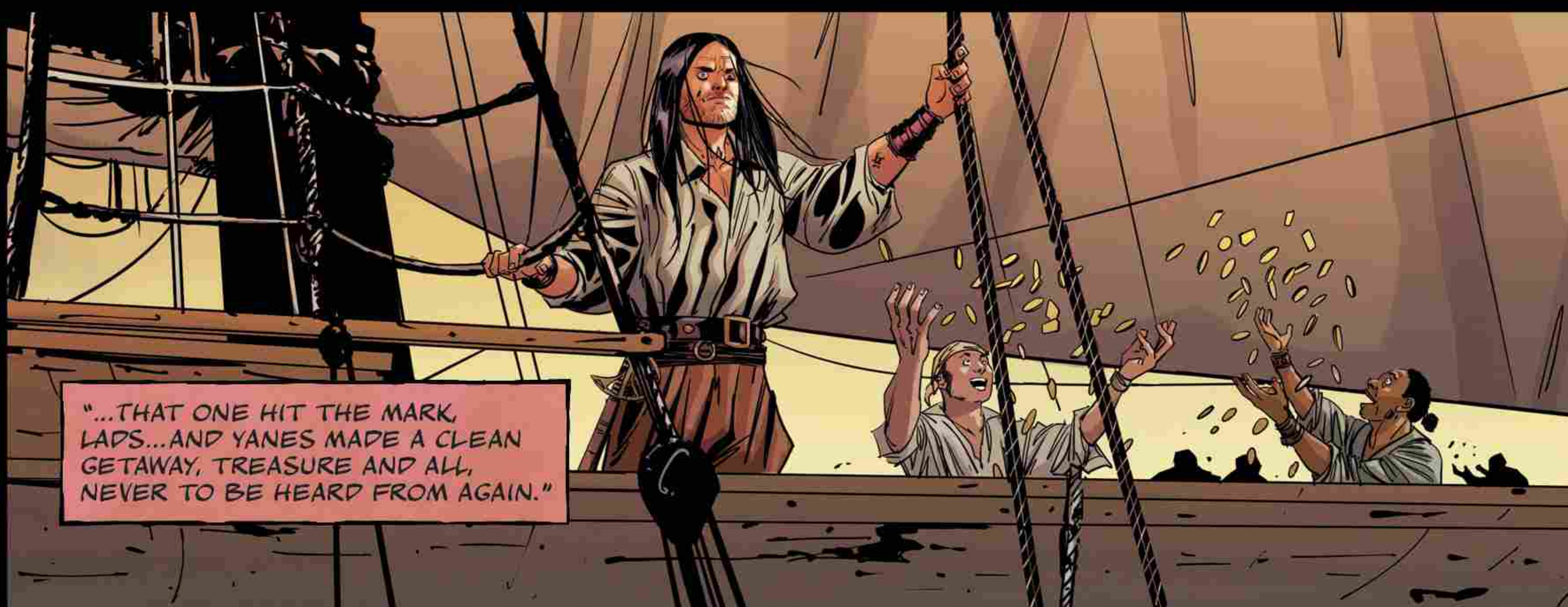


"ACQUIRED BY BISHOP THIBAUD DE CASTILLON,
IT BOASTED A BOUNTY OF GOLD, SILVER, RINGS,
TAPESTRIES, JEWELS...EVEN PORTABLE
ALTARS, IF YE CAN BELIEVE IT.

"BUT ALAS, BISHOP OR NO
BISHOP, SUCH BOOTY BE FAR
TOO TEMPTIN' FOR SOME...

"...AND TWO MAN-O'-WARS MADE
THE SHIP'S ACQUAINTANCE OFF
THE COAST OF CARTAGENA."





"OR SO THEY SAY."

"THE TRUTH WAS, YANES WAS SO FEARFUL...SO SPOOKED THAT HE PLUNDERED THE LOOT OF A MAN OF GOD, THE SCALAWAG TRIED TO OUTRUN DAMNATION ITSELF."

"TAKIN' HIM ALL THE WAY TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH. WHERE FEW MEN DARED..."





"...AND EVEN FEWER STILL EVER RETURNED FROM.



"MONTHS PASSED. YANES' CREW GREW TIRED, CRUSTY. AND YANES HEARD THAT DIRTY WORD NO CAPTAIN EVER BE WANTIN' TO HEAR...

"...MUTINY."



"ARR, BUT LUCKY FOR HIM, A STORM CHANGED ALL THAT..."



"THOUGH, ADMITTEDLY, IT DIDN'T QUITE LOOK SO LUCKY AT THE TIME.

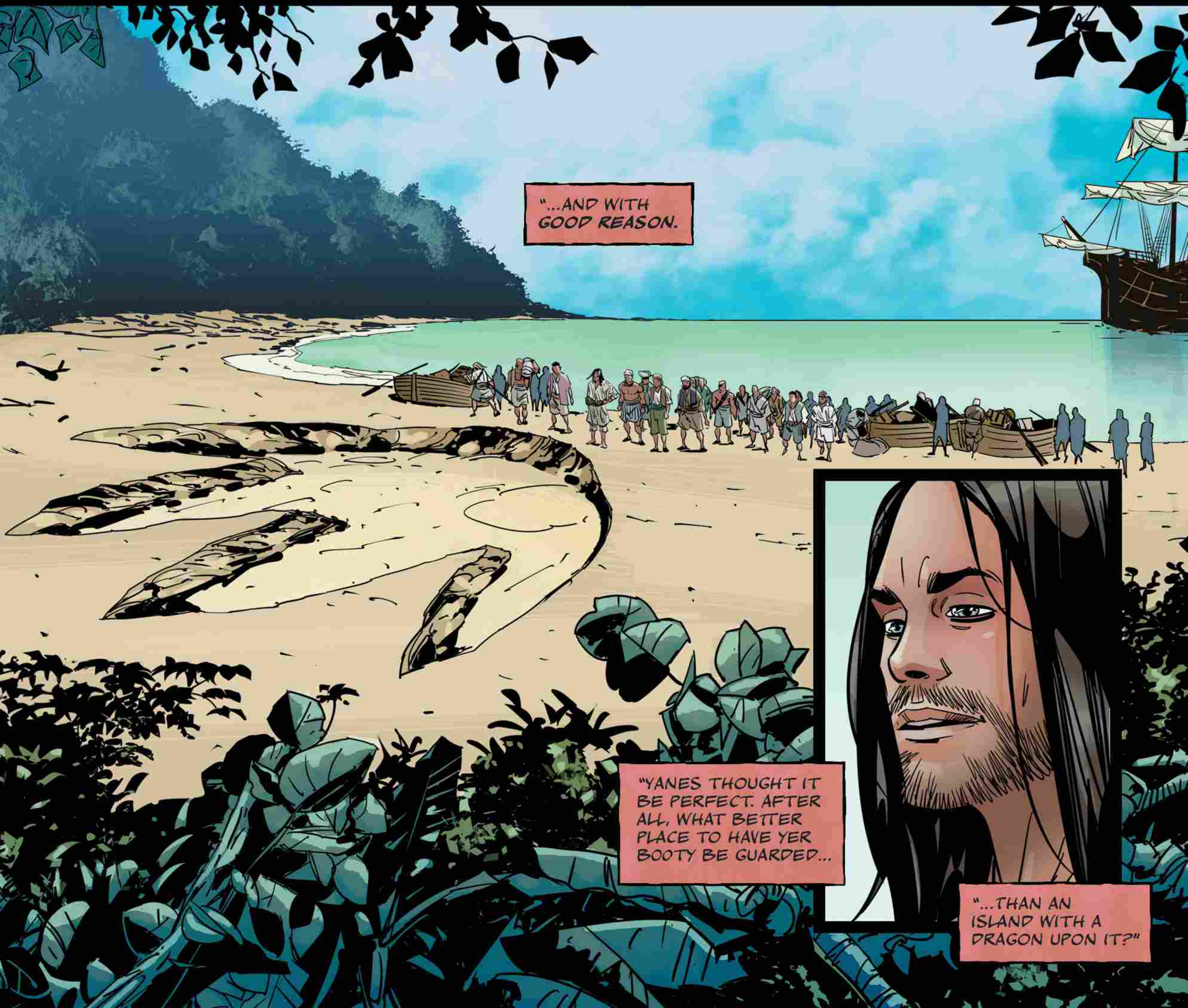
"AND YET, IN THE END, INSTEAD OF VISITIN' DAVY JONES' LOCKER..."



"...HE FOUND HIMSELF DISCOVERIN' MONSTER ISLAND INSTEAD.



"THAT'S WHAT THEY WOULD SOON BE CALLIN' IT...



"...AND WITH GOOD REASON.

"YANES THOUGHT IT BE PERFECT. AFTER ALL, WHAT BETTER PLACE TO HAVE YER BOOTY BE GUARDED...

"...THAN AN ISLAND WITH A DRAGON UPON IT?"



AND THEN...?

THERE BE NO MORE "AND THEN."

NOT UNTIL YE LADS BE FULFILLIN' YER END OF THE BARGAIN...

...AND PROVIDIN' ME WITH ME RUM.



YOU MEAN... THIS RUM?

MAYBE WHEN YOU START DELIVERING, YOU'LL GET YOUR RUM, MATE.



BECAUSE ALL YOU'VE GIVEN ME SO FAR IS A FABRICATED STORY ABOUT THE DEAD BISHOP'S TREASURE THAT YOU TACKED A DRAGON ON TO.

BLOODY RIGHT. WHAT ABOUT DRAKE? AND... THE QUEEN?

I BE GETTIN' TO IT.

FINE. THEN WHEN YOU GET TO IT, YOU CAN DRINK YOURSELF SILLY.



»SIGH» 'TIS A WONDER EVERYONE HATES THE BRITS. ANYWAY, AS I BE SAYIN'...



"...SO, ONE FINE NIGHT, DRAKE FOUND HIMSELF IN A TAVERN, DRINKIN' WITH SOME SCALWAG TELLIN' TALES AS LONG AS ME ARM.



"AND THEN IT COMES UP...THE STORY OF THE DEAD BISHOP'S TREASURE. AND YANES. AND YES, THE DRAGON.

"DRAKE WAS AS SKEPTICAL AS YE BE RIGHT NOW. THAT WAS, UNTIL...



"...THE MATEY PRODUCED PROOF.

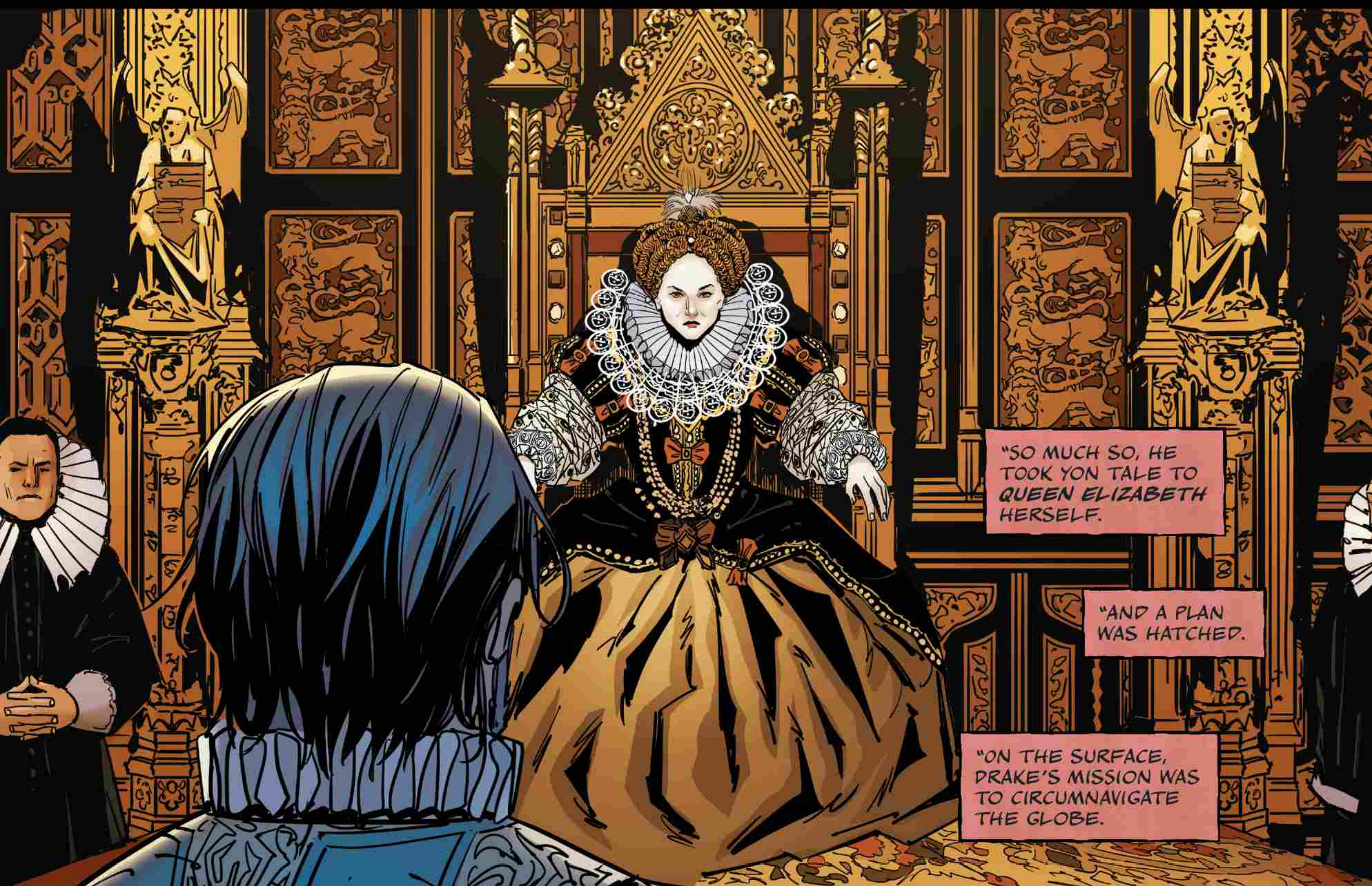


"A DOUBLOON. UNLIKE ANYTHIN' DRAKE--OR ANYONE ELSE, FOR THAT MATTER--HAD EVER SEEN.



"DRAKE WAS SOLD."





"SO MUCH SO, HE
TOOK YON TALE TO
QUEEN ELIZABETH
HERSELF.

"AND A PLAN
WAS HATCHED.

"ON THE SURFACE,
DRAKE'S MISSION WAS
TO CIRCUMNAVIGATE
THE GLOBE.

"BUT THERE BE MORE TO
IT THAN THAT, LADS. HE
ALSO BE LOOKIN' FOR
MONSTER ISLAND,
FINDIN' YANES' LOOT...



"...AND BRINGIN'
IT BACK TO THE
CROWN."



AHEM.



WHAT?

I BE
HAVIN' THAT
RUM NOW, I
DO BELIEVE.



A DEAL'S A
DEAL. BUT YOU
BETTER TREAD
CAREFULLY ALL
THE SAME,
ESPECIALLY WITH
WHAT YOU SAY
ABOUT THE
QUEEN.



STILL SAY
YOU'RE WASTING
OUR TIME AND
DELAYING YOUR
APPOINTMENT WITH
THE HANGMAN AND
HELL, BUT GO
AHEAD.

THANK YE
KINDLY.

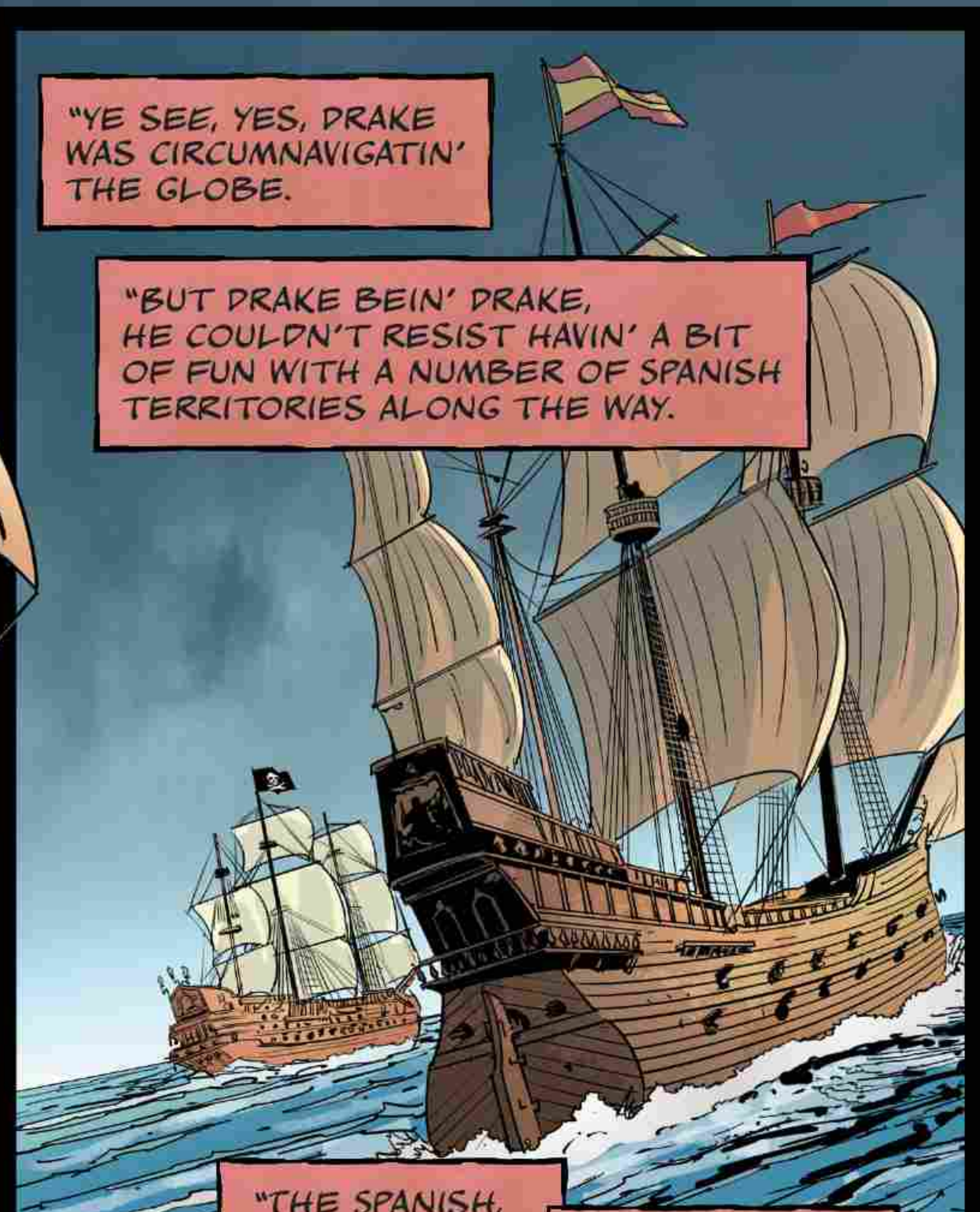


AND NOW,
LADS, WE COME TO
THE PART WHERE I,
"ONE-EYED" HENRY
HULL, ENTER
OUR STORY...

...AS A MATE
ABOARD THE
GOOD SIR
FRANCIS'
GOLDEN
HIND...



"...A MATE WHO SOON FOUND HIMSELF, ALONG WITH THE HIND'S CREW, BEIN' PURSUED BY THE SPANISH.



"YE SEE, YES, DRAKE WAS CIRCUMNAVIGATIN' THE GLOBE.

"BUT DRAKE BEIN' DRAKE, HE COULDN'T RESIST HAVIN' A BIT OF FUN WITH A NUMBER OF SPANISH TERRITORIES ALONG THE WAY.

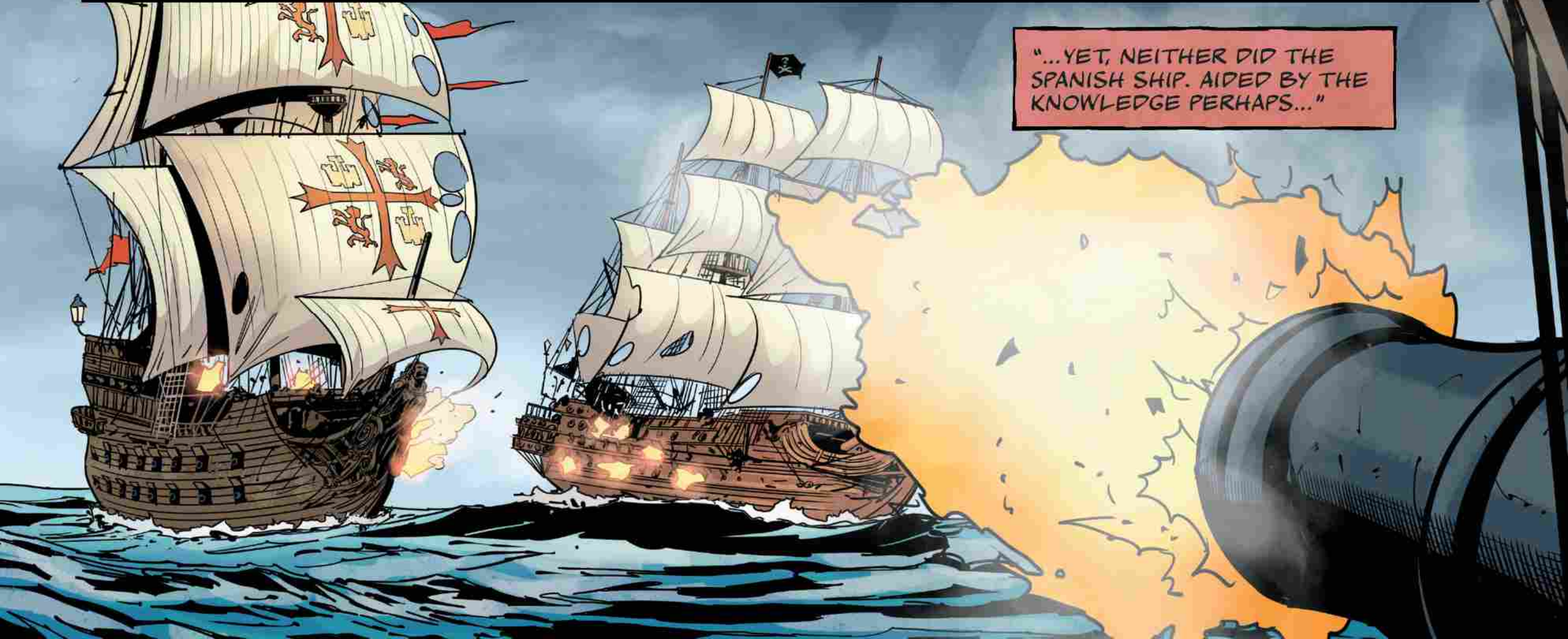


"THE SPANISH, SHALL WE SAY...

"...WERE LESS THAN PLEASED.



"A BATTLE ENSUED. AGAIN... DRAKE, BEIN' DRAKE, NEVER GAVE QUARTER...



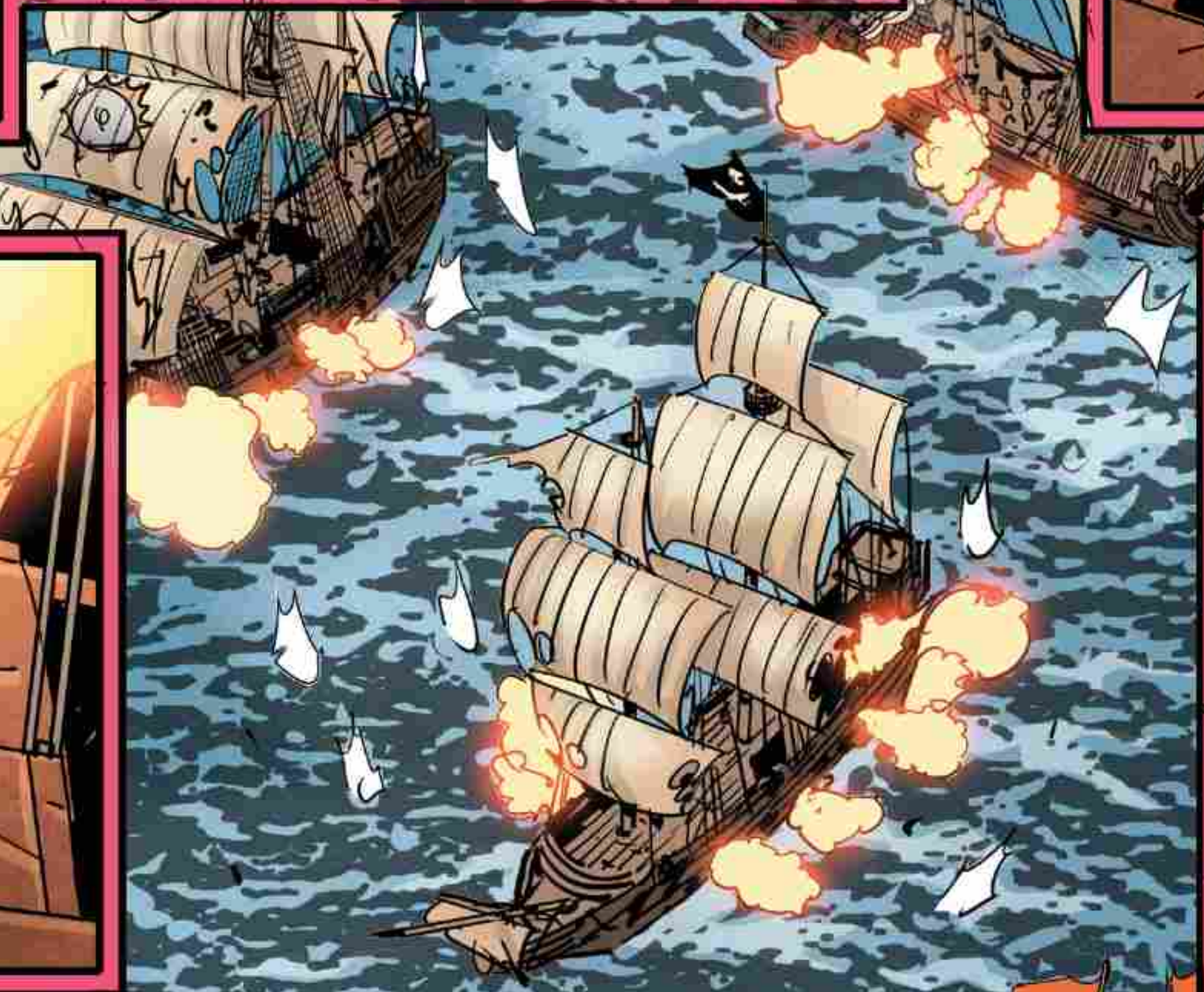
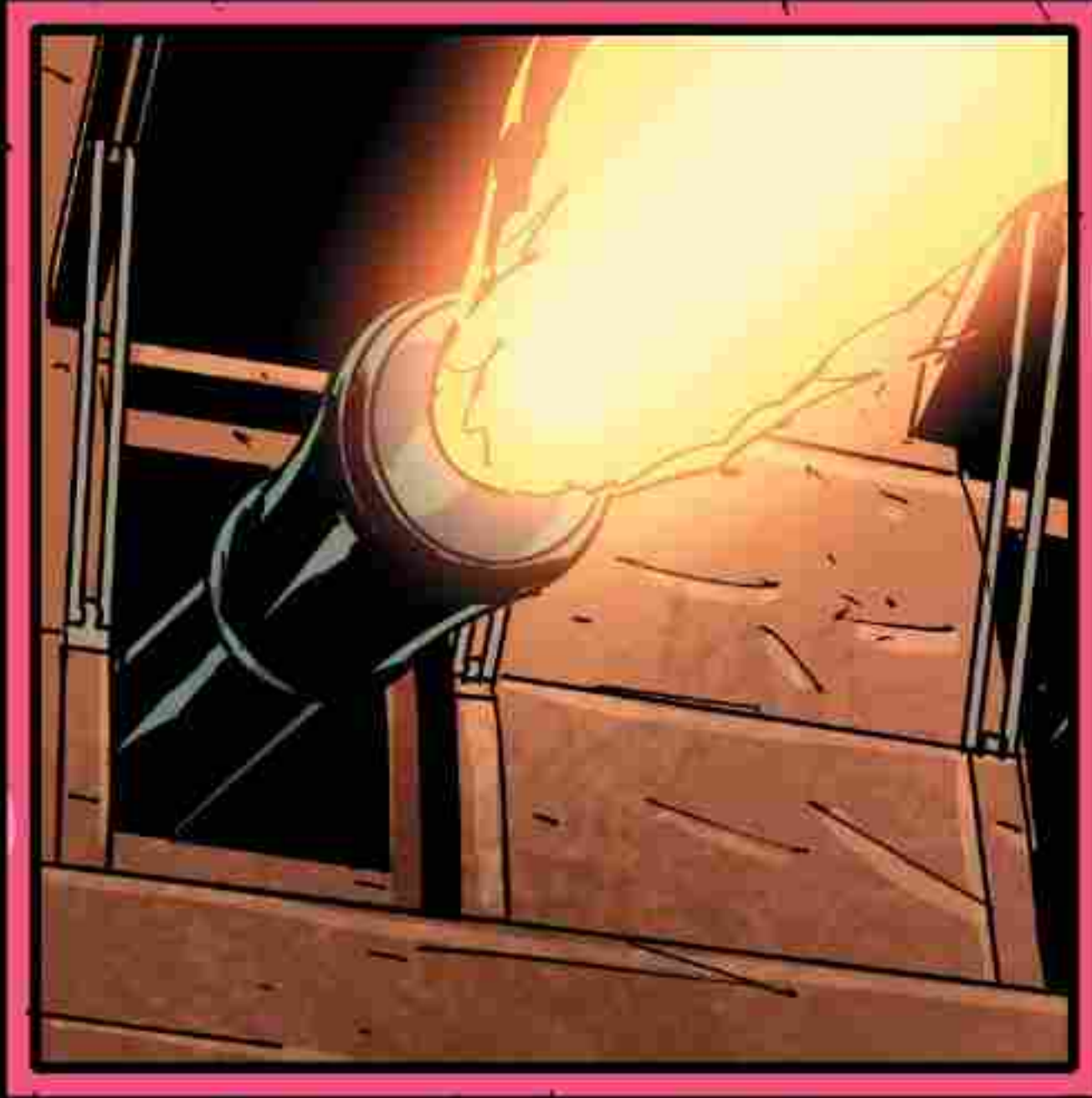
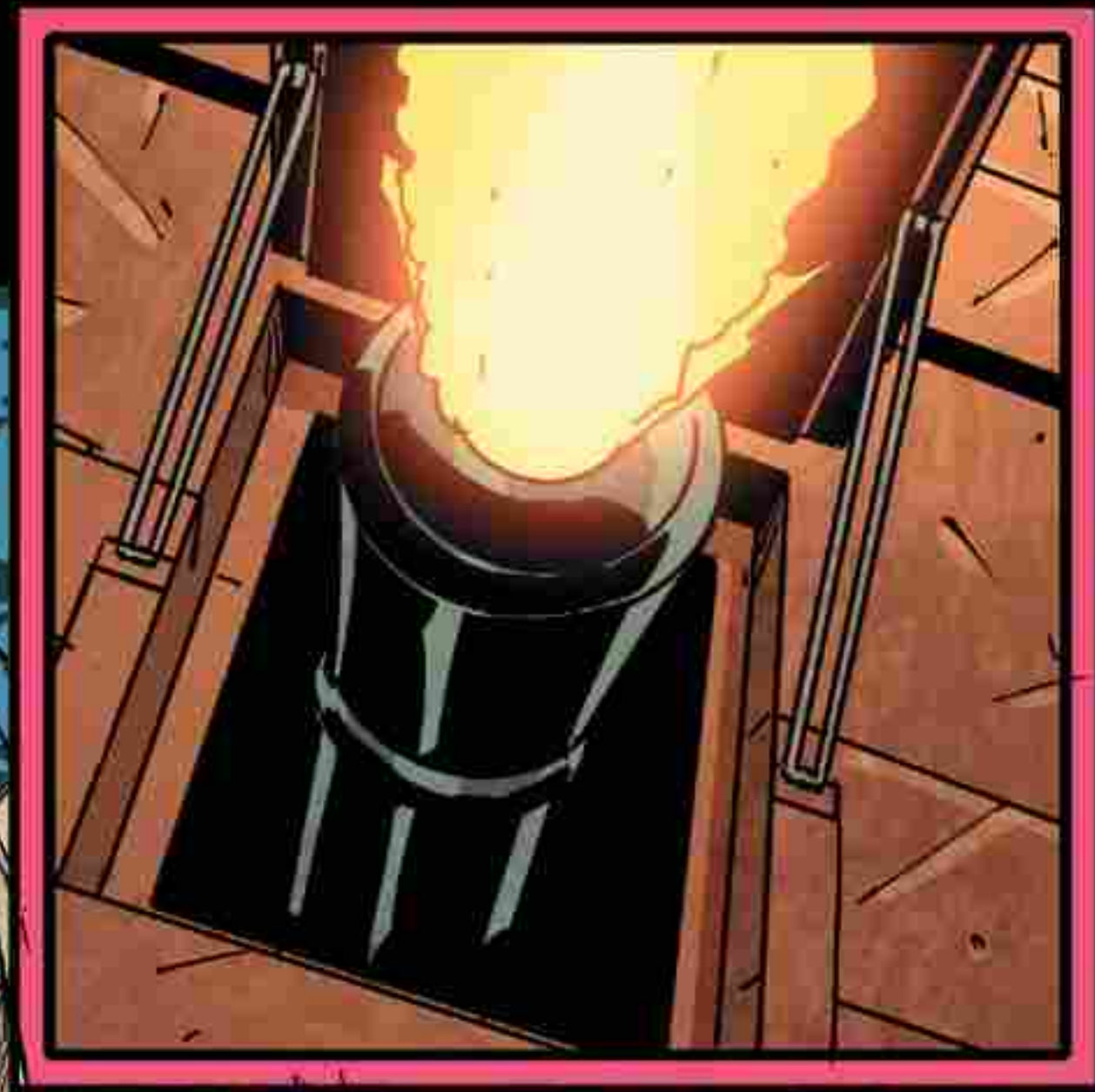
"...YET, NEITHER DID THE SPANISH SHIP. AIDED BY THE KNOWLEDGE PERHAPS..."



"...THAT THEY WERE NOT ALONE.

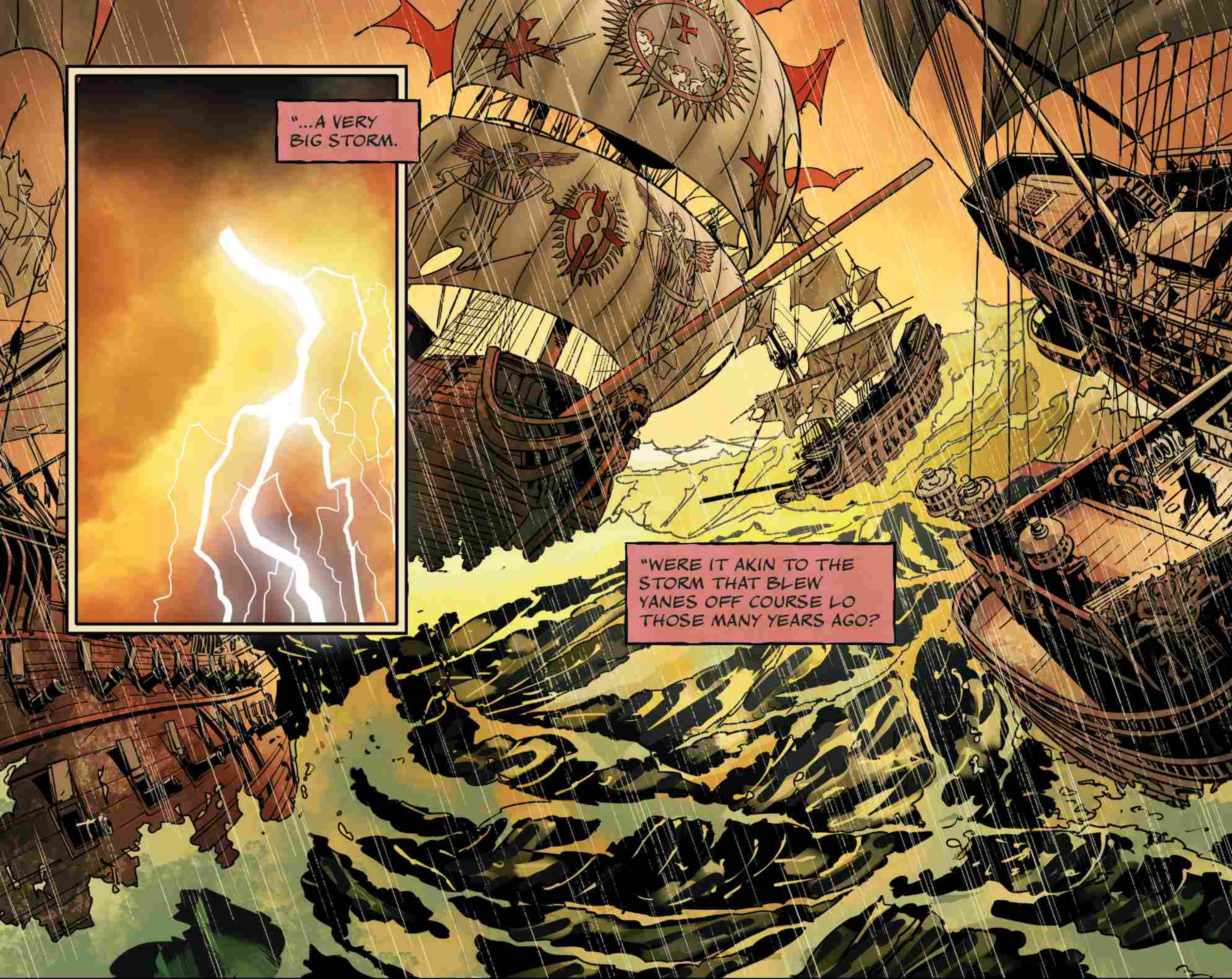
"AS I SAID, THE SPANISH WERE NONE TOO PLEASED WITH THE GOOD CAPTAIN. FOR RECENT AND FOR PAST INDISCRETIONS.

"IT'S WHY THEY SENT A WHOLE BLOODY ARMADA FOR THE MAN.



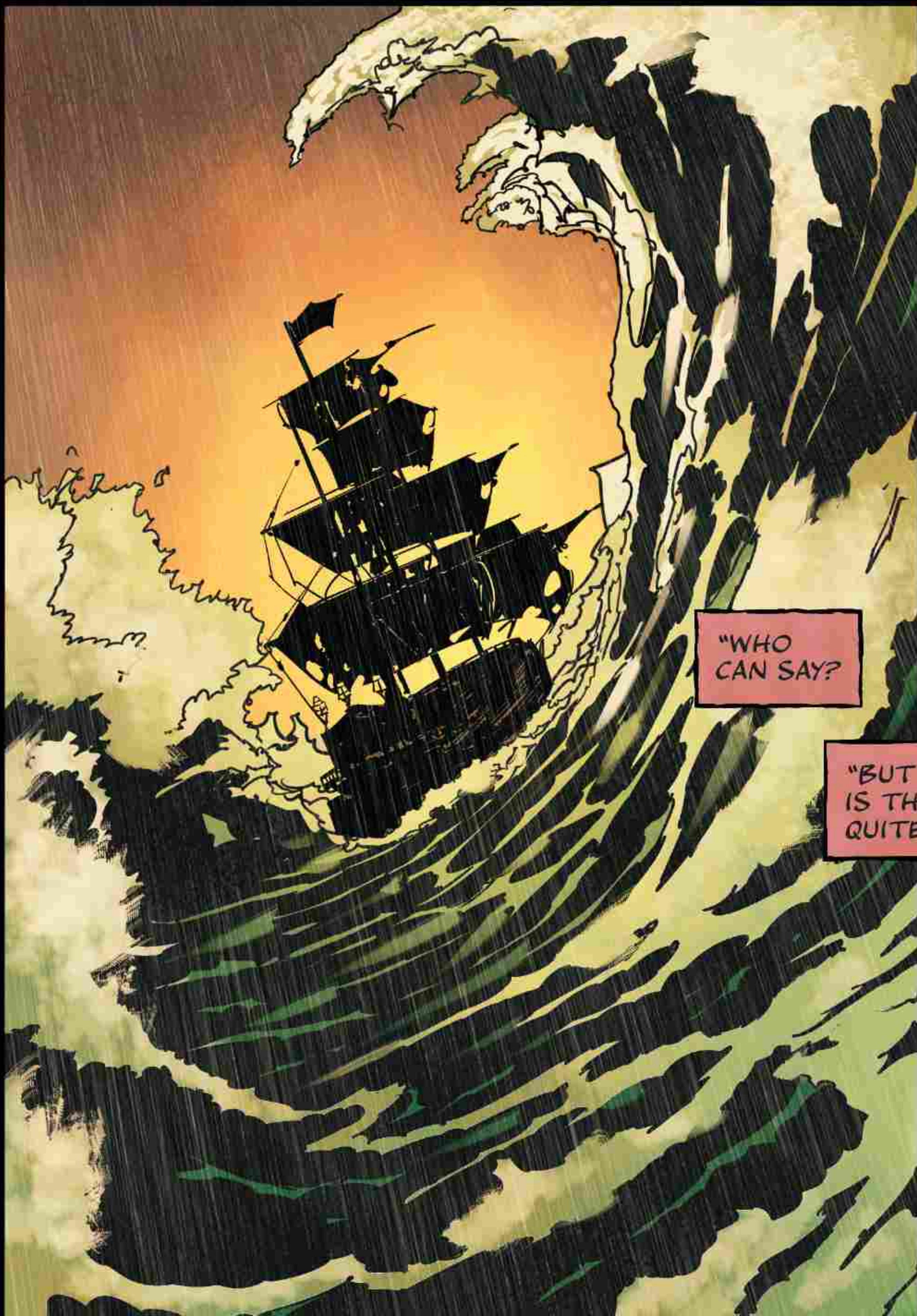
"AND THEY WOULD'VE FINISHED HIM AND THE REST OF US OFF, TOO, IF IT BE NOT FOR ONE SMALL THING..."





"...A VERY
BIG STORM.

"WERE IT AKIN TO THE
STORM THAT BLEW
YANES OFF COURSE LO
THOSE MANY YEARS AGO?

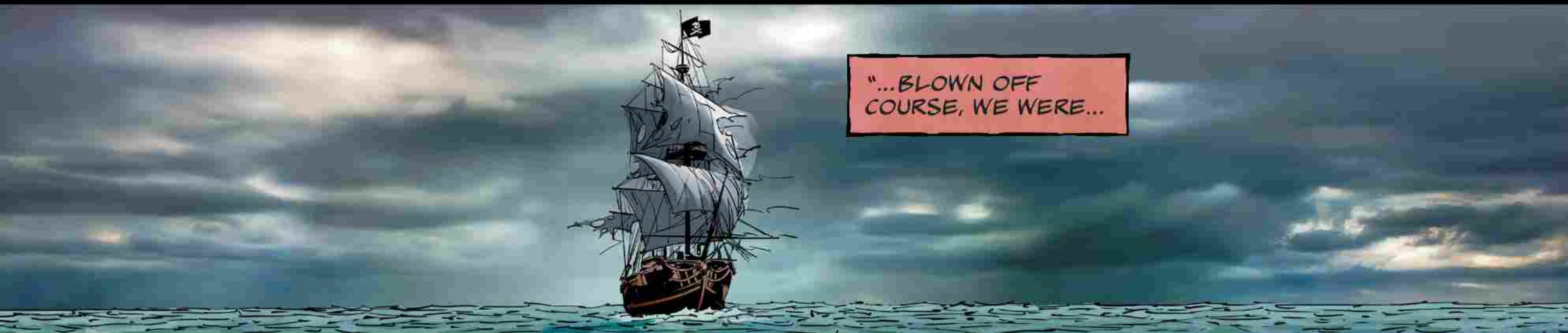


"WHO
CAN SAY?



"BUT WHAT CAN BE SAID
IS THE RESULTS WERE
QUITE SIMILAR..."





"...BLOWN OFF COURSE, WE WERE..."



"...TO CALM WATERS, THE SPANISH ARMADA NOWHERE TO BE SEEN."



"THE ONLY SIGHT TO BE SEEN, IN FACT..."

"...WAS MONSTER ISLAND."

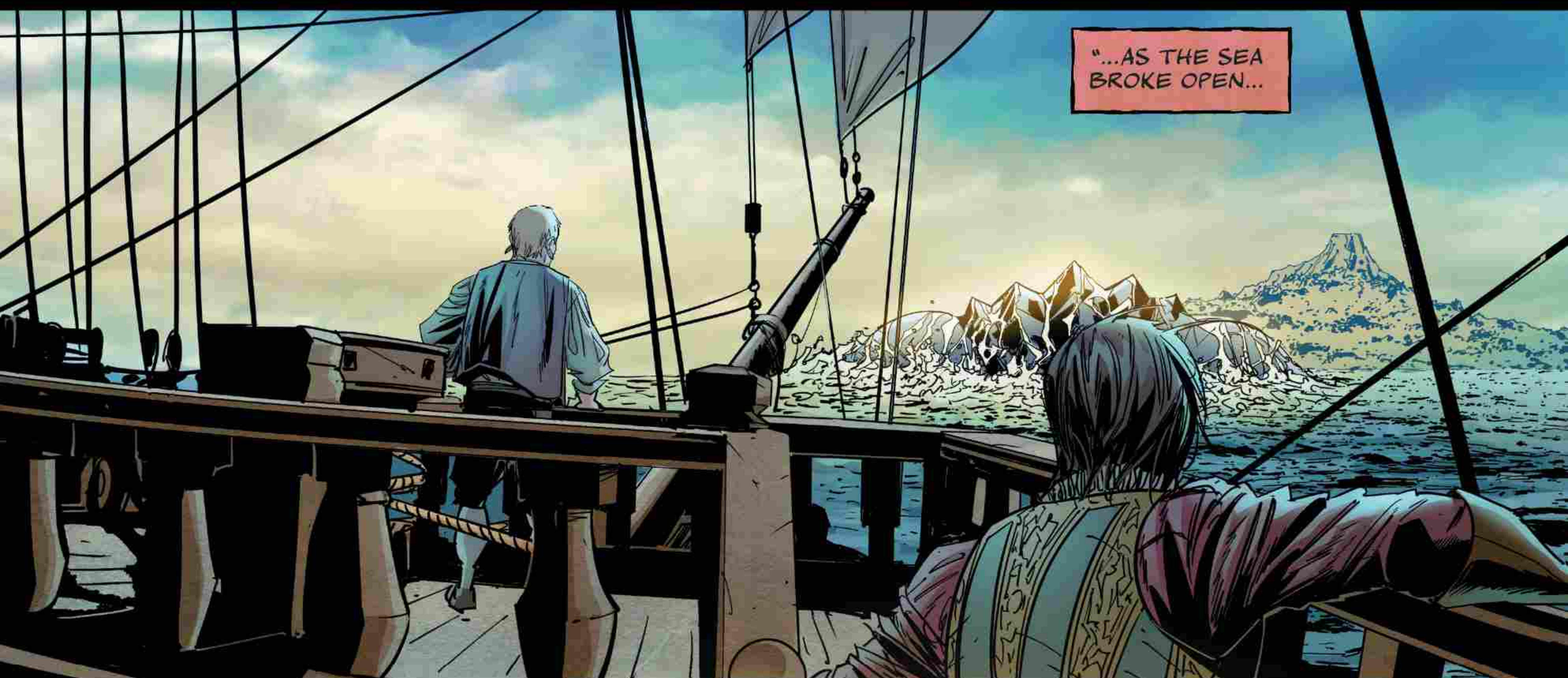


"DRAKE HAD DONE IT. WE HAD DONE IT. YANES' ISLAND WAS FOUND, AND THE BOUNTIFUL TREASURE BURIED UPON IT AWAITED!"

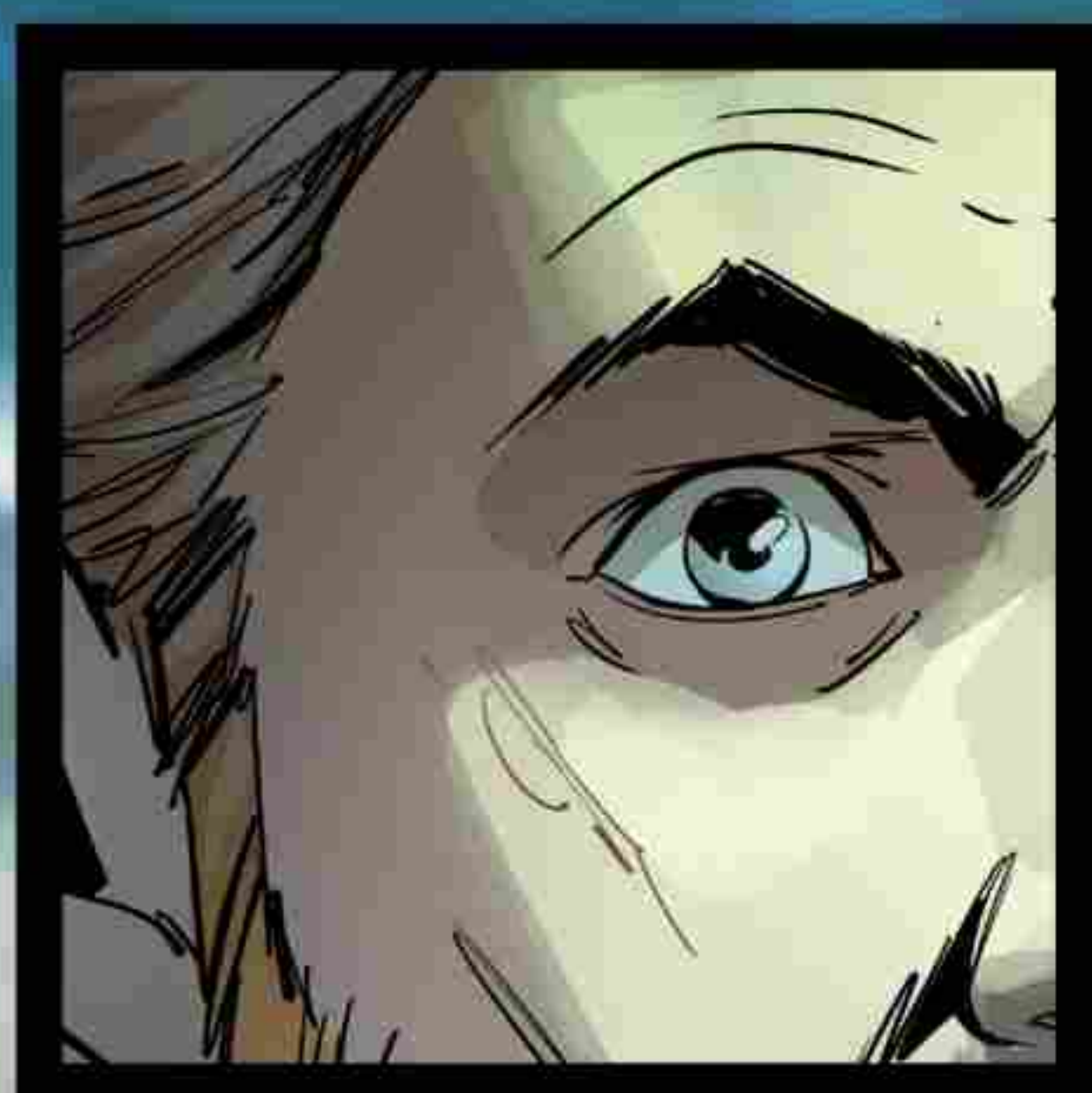




"OUR ELATION WOULD
SOON BE CHANGIN',
HOWEVER..."



"...AS THE SEA
BROKE OPEN..."



"...AND A BEAST AROSE
FROM ITS DEPTHS THAT
WOULD GIVE NEPTUNE
HIMSELF PAUSE.

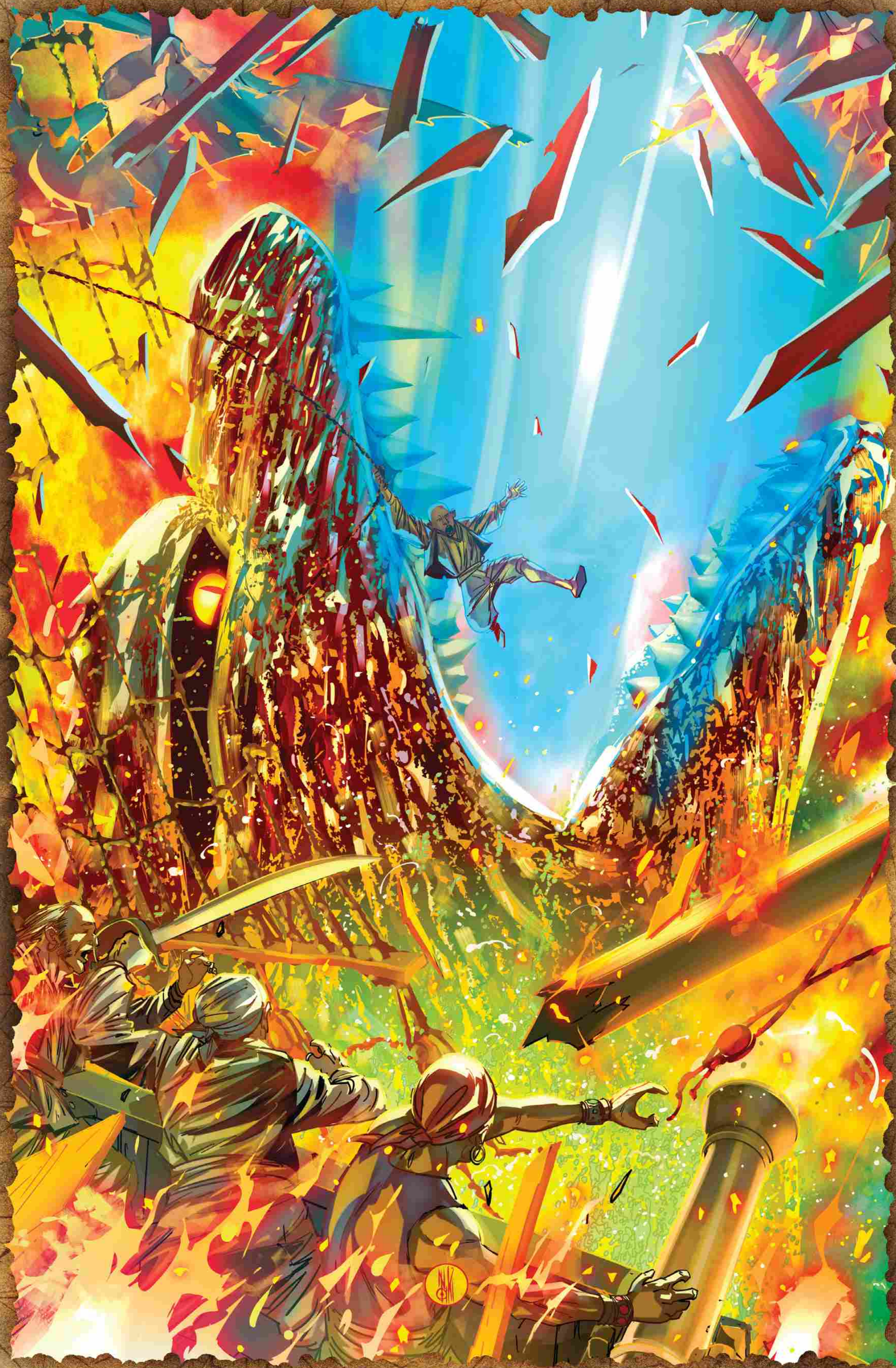
"YANES' DRAGON WAS
MAKIN' HIS PRESENCE
KNOWN, YE SEE."





"GODZILLA
HAD ARRIVED."

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